GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Smuggling of Urea
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of smuggling of urea to the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported and the number of persons arrested along with the quantum of urea seized during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to check the cross-border smuggling of urea?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (b): There have been reports of smuggling of Urea from India to the neighbouring countries. The details of such cases reported and the number of persons arrested along with the quantum of urea seized during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise are as under:

Name of the Border Year No. of cases of smuggling of Urea reported Quantity seized
(in MT) No. of Persons arrested
Indo-Bangladesh 2012 348 69.06 NIL
2013 356 134.00 2
2014 140 40.08 NIL
2015
(Upto June, 2015) 44 6.03 1
Indo-Bhutan 2012 NIL NIL NIL
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2013 NIL NIL NIL
2014 NIL NIL NIL
2015
(Upto June, 2015) NIL NIL NIL
Indo-China 2012 NIL NIL NIL
2013 NIL NIL NIL
2014 NIL NIL NIL
2015
(Upto June, 2015) NIL NIL NIL
Indo-Myanmar 2012 5 36.50 NIL
2013 2 10.00 NIL
2014 NIL NIL NIL
2015
(Upto June, 2015) NIL NIL NIL
Indo-Nepal 2012 722 839.73 118
2013 468 410.55 55
2014 389 356.05 32
2015
(Upto June, 2015) 85 56.83 4
Indo-Pakistan 2012 NIL NIL NIL
2013 NIL NIL NIL
2014 NIL NIL NIL
2015
(Upto June, 2015) 2 1.5 NIL

(c): The following measures are being taken by concerned Departments/Border Guarding Forces to check the cross-border

smuggling of urea:

(i) Effective domination of the borders by the Border Guarding Forces through carrying out round the clock surveillance of the border viz. patrolling, laying nakas, establishing observation posts all along the border and strengthening of existing defences of the BOPs.

(ii) The riverine segments of the International Borders of the country are being patrolled and dominated with the help of water crafts/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of Border Guarding Forces (BGFs).
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(iii) Usage of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments along with day and night vision devices for further enhancing the border domination.

(iv) Vulnerability mapping of BOPs, which are prone to smuggling, is reviewed from time to time. These identified BOPs have been strengthened by deploying additional manpower, Special Surveillance Equipments, vehicles and other infrastructure support.

(v) Government has sanctioned construction of fence, floodlights and additional BOPs along Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan Border.

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